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Craig Tarpoff
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Dear Mr. Tarpoff

As we discussed today, the State of Illinois Department of Public Health is applying for money from HUD for lead-based paint hazard reduction inside homes surrounding Superfund sites.


Illinois currently has a \$6 million, HUD-financed, pilot, lead-based paint abatement program in five areas of the state, including St. Clair County. I have attached a summary of, and the participants in, our current statewide HUD-financed lead-based paint hazard reduction program. I propose applying for this new HUD funding, amounting to between \$0.5 and \$2 million, to add Madison County as Target Area # 6 as shown on the attached list.

To be awarded, our application needs to show cooperation between USEPA's Superfund, and the proposed HUD-funded program. The USEPA told me that they are also going to attempt to pay for *exterior* lead-based paint abatement work as part of this project. As you know, USEPA is already conducting soil remediation in the area. *Most importantly*, doing both *interior* and *exterior* lead hazard reduction work, rather than one or the other, will eliminate most of the ways children can become lead-poisoned.

To win the award from HUD, I need the support of Granite City. Specifically, I need a letter from the Mayor pledging the City's support of the project and to work cooperatively with the Madison County CDBG Administrator, Dorothy Hummel, to use CDBG, or other local funds, to pay for 10% of the cost of each lead-based paint hazard reduction project. This letter is needed several weeks before our application to HUD is due on July 30, 1996.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (217) 785-2043, or write to me at the Illinois Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health, 525 West Jefferson Street, Springfield, Illinois 62761, (217) 785-5903.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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